



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 20, 2004

H.R. 2912

An act to reaffirm the inherent sovereign rights of the Osage Tribe to determine its membership and form of government

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on July 14, 2004

H.R. 2912 would enable the Osage Tribe to determine the tribe's membership roll and government rules in the same manner as other federally recognized tribes. In 1906, the Congress enacted the Osage Allotment Act that defined membership in the Osage Tribe. Under that act, Osage Indians may be legal members of the tribe and participate in the tribal government only if they are lineal descendants of the original enrollees under the 1906 act and own a share of the mineral revenues from the reservation. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2912 would have no effect on the federal budget because federal agencies currently provide services to all Osage Indians and do not restrict services to those considered to be members of the tribe under the Osage Allotment Act. Enacting H.R. 2912 would not affect revenues or direct spending.

H.R. 2912 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Enacting this legislation would benefit the Osage Tribe.

On May 17, 2004, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 2912, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on May 5, 2004. The two versions of the legislation and the CBO cost estimates are identical.

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